

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1129
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dewey E. Winfree of Mt. Juliet,
Tennessee on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work with State government have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dewey Winfree is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for nine years as Director of Special Investigations for the Tennessee Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winfree's tenure with the Tennessee Department of Revenue traces back to May 1976 when he began work as a Tax Auditor; throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Winfree has been a Special Agent, Special Agent 3, and Special Agent in Charge; and

WHEREAS, Dewey Winfree will be taking a much deserved retirement in April 2004; and

WHEREAS, as Director of Special Investigations, Dewey Winfree expanded the scope and duties of Special Investigations from a staff of fourteen to a staff of thirty-one; he was instrumental in establishing the Section as one of the best white-collar criminal investigative agencies in Tennessee and other states with tax fraud criminal investigative law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, over the last 26 years, he has aggressively pursued the prosecution of tax evaders in order to create a level playing field for all the taxpayers of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dewey Winfree was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by former Kentucky Governor Brenton C. Jones for his work in establishing and training the first criminal investigative tax division within the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winfree has spoken eloquently on tax fraud issue at various Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) and Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators (SEATA) workshops and meetings; and

WHEREAS, he is a 1997 graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute;
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WHEREAS, he attended Tennessee Technological University, where he was a charter member and founder of Eta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, an honors graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration-Accounting from the University of Tennessee, at Nashville, Mr. Winfree served his country for three years as a Communication Specialist in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, holding a top-secret security clearance, Dewey Winfree encrypted, decrypted, distributed, and stored classified documents and information for the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. Winfree intends to spend more time with his wife of nearly twenty years, Dorothy (Hagar) Winfree, who is presently employed by the U.S. Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, he also plans to devote more time to the outdoor activities that he enjoys, which include camping, hunting, hiking, boating, riding ATVs, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, having grown up on a beef, dairy, and tobacco farm in Smith and Trousdale Counties, Mr. Winfree still breeds and raises Black Angus cattle in his spare time; and

WHEREAS, Dewey Winfree exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career with the Department of Revenue, Mr. Winfree has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we thank Dewey E. Winfree for his devoted service to the State of Tennessee throughout the three decades of his illustrious career with State government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

